

Arizona "Back to School" Autism/Asperger's Conference

Featuring Tracks on School, Family, Medical, Social/Speech, and Teen/Adult Issues

September 17-18, 2010
Phoenix Convention Center



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Back to School Without Any Neurotypical Peers...Definitely Not The Best Practice! - Rick Clemens, M.A., **Friday Morning Keynote**



The National Research Counsel, current best practice research, and leaders in the field of autism across the country all emphasize the importance of providing positive education experiences for children with autism alongside typically developing children. The question now is how do we develop quality programs? The answers are found in the Inclusive Education Quality Program Indicator Checklist and Assessment Tool for Children with Autism.

This new tool identifies the components that most programs should include to be sure we are providing children with autism the greatest opportunities for success in general education. This Quality Program Indicator checklist and assessment tool will prove helpful for parents in determining if their child's program includes the necessary components and for educators in determining the appropriate services, supports and interventions for each child's success. Participants will leave with an understanding of what should be in the IEP and what should be happening in the classroom.

Rick Clemens is the founder and Director of Inclusive Education and Community Partnership (IECP). IECP is an NPA and Regional Center vendor that provides services to children with Autism in inclusive environments and works with school districts and regional centers throughout California. Rick's graduate work includes a Masters Degree in Special Education, Moderate, Severe and Multiple Disabilities, a California Multiple Subject Teaching credential, and a California Special Education Moderate/Sever Authorization Credential. Rick has been working with individuals with autism since 1985.

Social Thinking: How Does This Treatment Mix With Others Available? – Michelle Garcia Winner, CCC-SLP, **Saturday Morning Keynote**



There are many different ideas related to treatment and even different treatment "camps"; however, there is room to blend and merge treatment ideas to create programs more ideally suited to the individual student and not just their diagnostic label. In this talk we will look at the basic philosophy of Social Thinking and how it can be easily merged with Social Stories, ABA programs, Story Grammar Marker, The Incredible 5 Point Scale, Floortime (DIR), etc.

Michelle Garcia Winner is an SLP who specializes in students with social cognitive deficits. She runs a clinic; authored numerous books and speaks internationally. Michelle's goal is to help educators and parents appreciate how social thinking and social skills is an integral part of students academic, vocational and community success. She was honored with a "Congressional Special Recognition Award" in 2008.

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Friday, September 17th

8:30 a.m. – Back To School Without Any Neurotypical Peers.... Definitely Not The Best Practice – *Rick Clemens, M.A.*

10:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. – Breakout Sessions (Choose any talks from 3 parallel tracks)

Rick Clemens Track

- Proactive Behavior Intervention In The Classroom
- Curricular Adaptations For Learning Positive Behavior
- Learning Social Skills & Making Friends

ABA/Therapy Track

- The Basics Of Applied Behavior Analysis
- Making Habilitation Work
- Q&A
- Using Visual Strategies To Increase Independence

Teen/Adult Track

- The Emotions of Autism
- SEEDs for Autism
- Jerry and Mary Newport
- Panel of Teens and Adults

Special Lunchtime Sessions

- Secret Study Tips For Learning To Learn
- Mom's Panel

CEUs and Certificates of Attendance

CEUs – Pending approval by Arizona Department of Health Services for Speech Language Pathologists & Audiologists for up to 7 hours (0.7 CEU's) for each day.

Certificates of Attendance are available at the end of each day (up to 7 contact hours/day).

Full Schedule Available Online

Full conference speaker listing and more details available online at www.autismconferencesofamerica.com.

Speakers & Topics confirmed at time of printing. Please visit our website for current schedule and important updates.

Saturday, September 18th

8:30 a.m. – Social Thinking: How Does This Treatment Mix With Others Available? – *Michelle Garcia Winner, CCC-SLP*

10:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. – Breakout Sessions (Choose any talks from 3 parallel tracks)

Social Skills/Education Track

- FAQs About Treatment: Focusing On Who Your Child Is Right Now
- Collaboration Between Student, Teacher and SLP
- Rules As Tools: Building Social Skills

Medical Track

- Mitochondrial Problems in Autism
- Treatment Study of Mitochondrial Problems
- Panel of Physicians

Education Track

- Providing Supports/Accommodations
- "Empowering Students With Autism" In Bullying Situations
- Loving A Sometimes "Sweet And Sour" Child With Autism
- Asperger's Syndrome: A Social Disorder

Special Lunchtime Session

- Dad's Panel

Important Details

Conference Location

Phoenix Convention Center - WEST Building
100 N. 3rd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004

Directions

http://www.phoenix.gov/extranet/pccd/pcc_directionsandparking.html

Registration Information

Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. each day of the conference with coffee and juice. Lunch is on your own.

Parking

Parking is \$12.00/day. No In/Out Privileges. West Garage - 185 N. 2nd St. Enter the underground parking in the West Building of the Phoenix Convention Center off of Second Street, just south of Monroe Street.

Hotel

Wyndham Hotel Downtown Phoenix
– \$99.00 per night*
50 East Adams Street, Phoenix 85004
Phone: (602) 333-5119

Hotel San Carlos – \$79 per night**
202 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004
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*Must mention Autism/Asperger's Conference to get preferred rate.

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Questions

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Early Bird Registration: Registered and paid by August 27, 2010 **Regular Registration:** after August 27, 2010

Category	Friday, September 17th		Saturday, September 18th		Both Days: Friday/Saturday		Amount
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1st Parent/Family Member	\$90	\$100	\$90	\$100	\$160	\$180	
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Parapro/Hab/Student*	\$50*	\$60*	\$50*	\$60*	\$80*	\$95*	*
People with Autism/Asperger's	\$20	\$25	\$20	\$25	\$30	\$40	
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